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**"High-Fidelity Simulation in Biomedical and Aerospace Engineering"**  
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- Super Computing 2004
- Kim, C. S., Kiris, C. and Kwak, D., 'Numerical Models of Human Circulatory System under Altered Gravity,' *AIAA Paper 2004-1092*, AIAA 42nd Aerospace Sciences Meeting, Reno, Nevada, Jan. 5-8, 2004.
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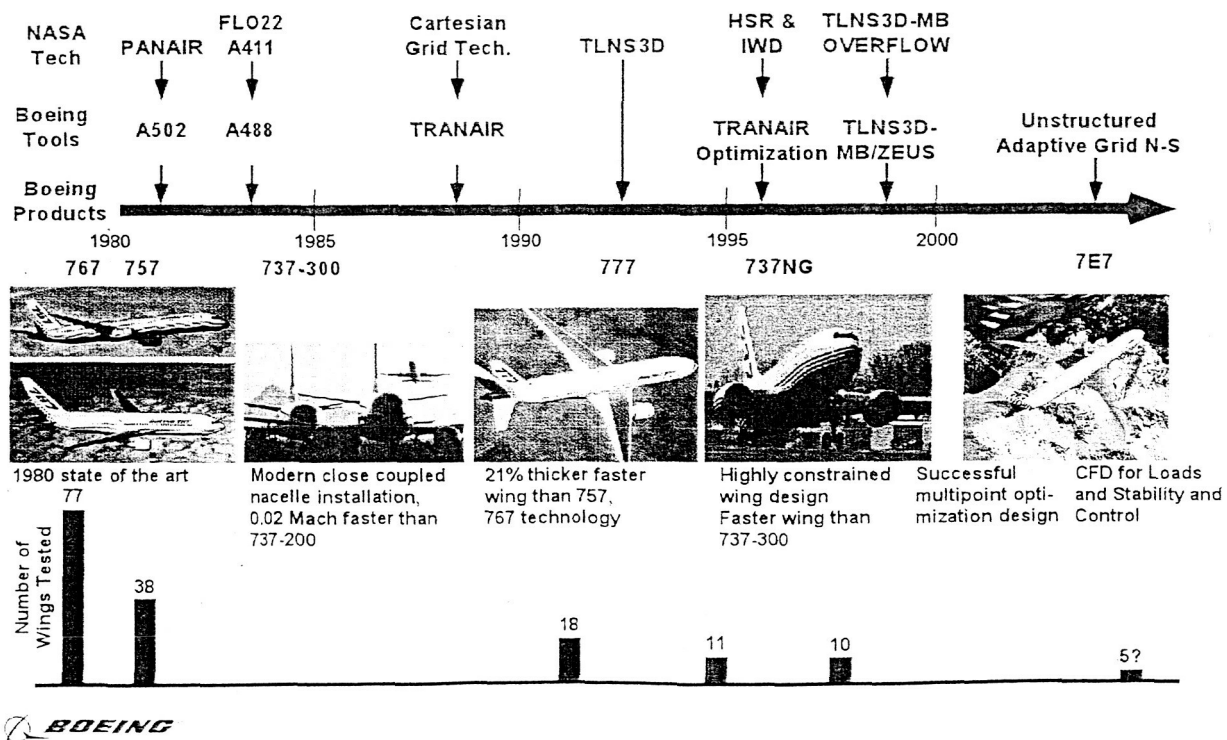
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- Introduction / Background
- Modeling and Simulation Challenges in Aerospace Engineering
- Modeling and Simulation Challenges in Biomedical Engineering  
- Digital Astronaut
- Project Columbia
- Summary and Discussion

## Status of CFD

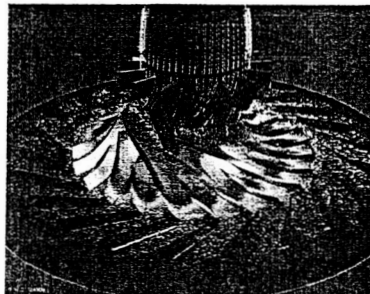
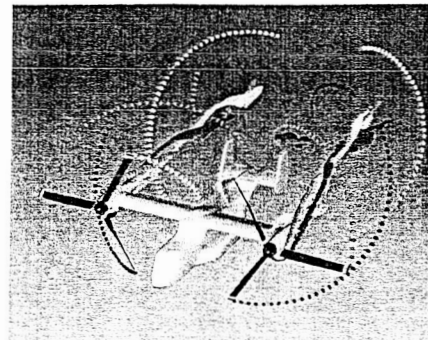
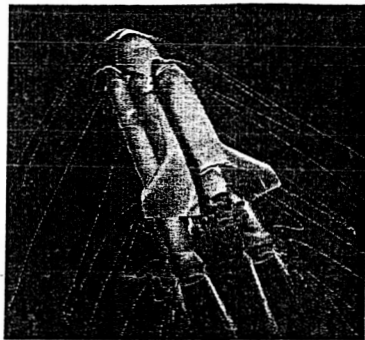
- Pioneered the field of flow simulation for
  - Obtaining engineering solutions for complex configurations (One of major goals of 80s)
  - Understanding flow physics (critical to mission)
- Functionality was the most important features primarily concerned about "performance" prediction (of aerospace vehicles), and then reduce design cycle time
  - CFD is routinely used in aerodynamic design of aircraft
    - ⇒ There are a few remaining challenges, e.g. high-lift, aeroacoustics
  - Design of aircraft engine components is validated by CFD
    - ⇒ CFD-based engine design is yet to be realized
  - CFD can provide detailed analysis of rocket engine components
    - ⇒ Analysis/design of entire engine / entire sub-systems are yet to be accomplished
- There are many success stories
  - Commercial aircraft design
  - SSME HGM redesign
  - Mechanical heart assist device
  - ...list goes on
- New advances are often driven by problems or mishaps

## CFD Contribution to Commercial Aircraft Design





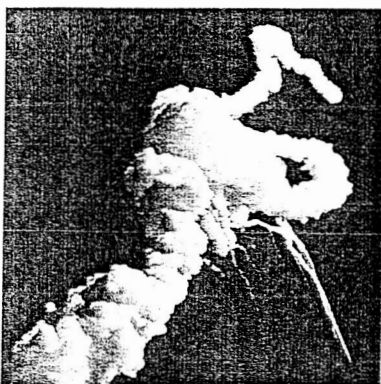
## Examples of Current Simulation Capabilities for Complex Flow



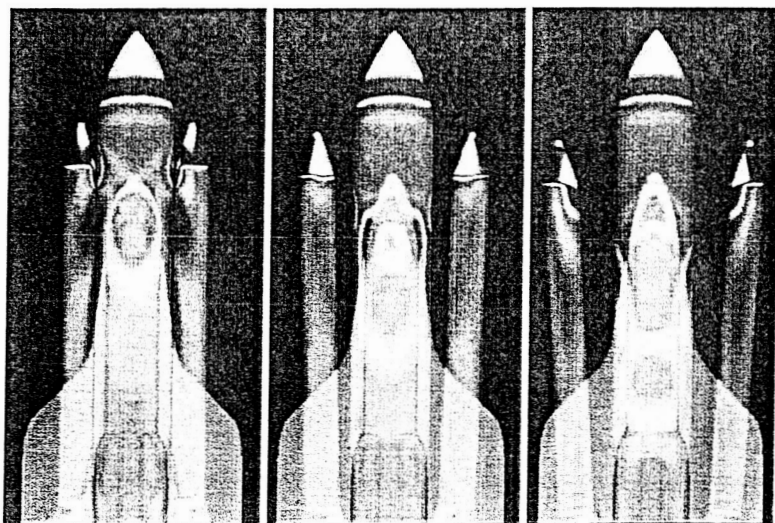
- Steady and unsteady flows over complex configurations
- Bodies in relative motion
- Multiple scale problems
- CFD very good at:
  - Flow analysis
  - Sorting through preliminary designs
- Still lacks
  - Prediction capability
  - Automation

## Historical Note

- Space Shuttle Challenger Disaster has lead to key technological advances that facilitate computational aerodynamic forensics



Jan 28, 1986

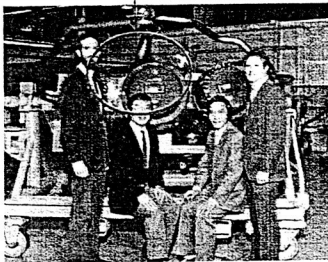
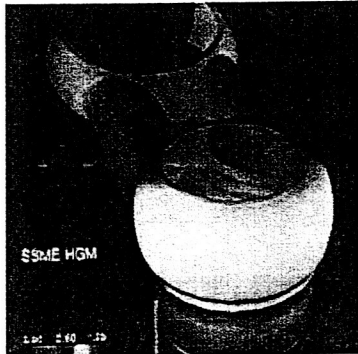


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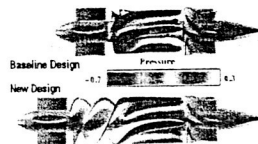
# Historical Note

- Space Shuttle Main Engine Phase II+ redesign work in the early 80s accelerated CFD applications to rocket propulsion systems development

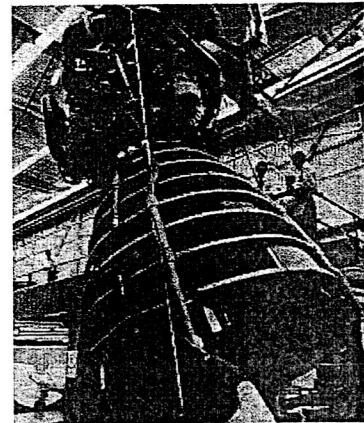
CFD solution of HGM (c 1983)



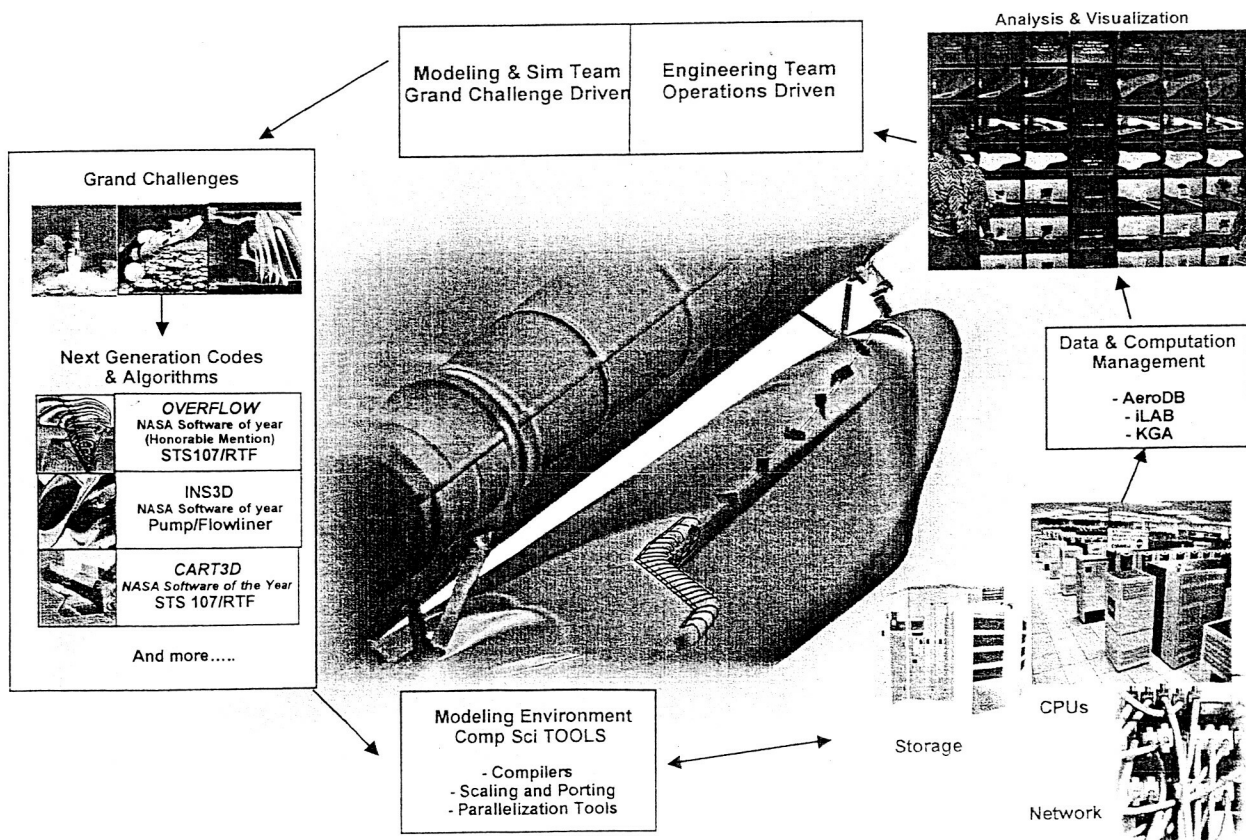
Propulsion CFD, Pump technology in the early 90s



New flight Engine in 1995



## Integrated Simulation Environment



## HEC Challenges in Aerospace Engineering

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Primary focus of "Modeling and Simulation" has been changed from performance prediction to mission impact

- Expand flight envelope, reduce design cycle time, and enhance safety
    - Digital Flight
      - 6-DOF, S&C database generation, Grid quality issues etc.
  - Mission simulation
    - Integrated Launch/Ascent Simulation
      - e.g. Shuttle's Return To Flight
    - Descent / Entry / Landing
    - Mixed Fidelity Systems Simulation for Risk Evaluation
  - High-fidelity simulation of complex system
    - Liquid Rocket Subsystem Simulation
      - e.g. turbopump systems: induce, impeller, diffuser etc.
  - Bioastronautics
    - Digital Astronaut
- ⇒ Requires increased processor speed, larger memory, data analysis and management, faster network: CFD, CS and Facility

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## Integrated Launch/Ascend Simulation

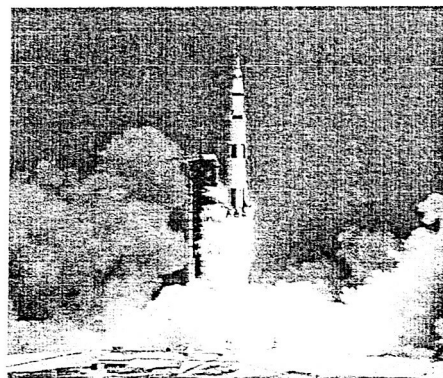
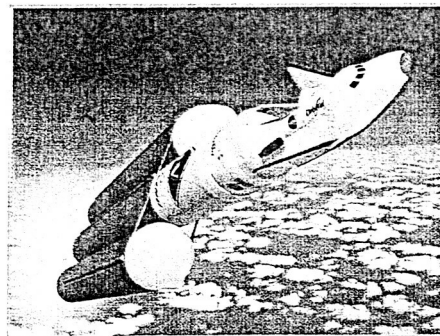
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### Goal:

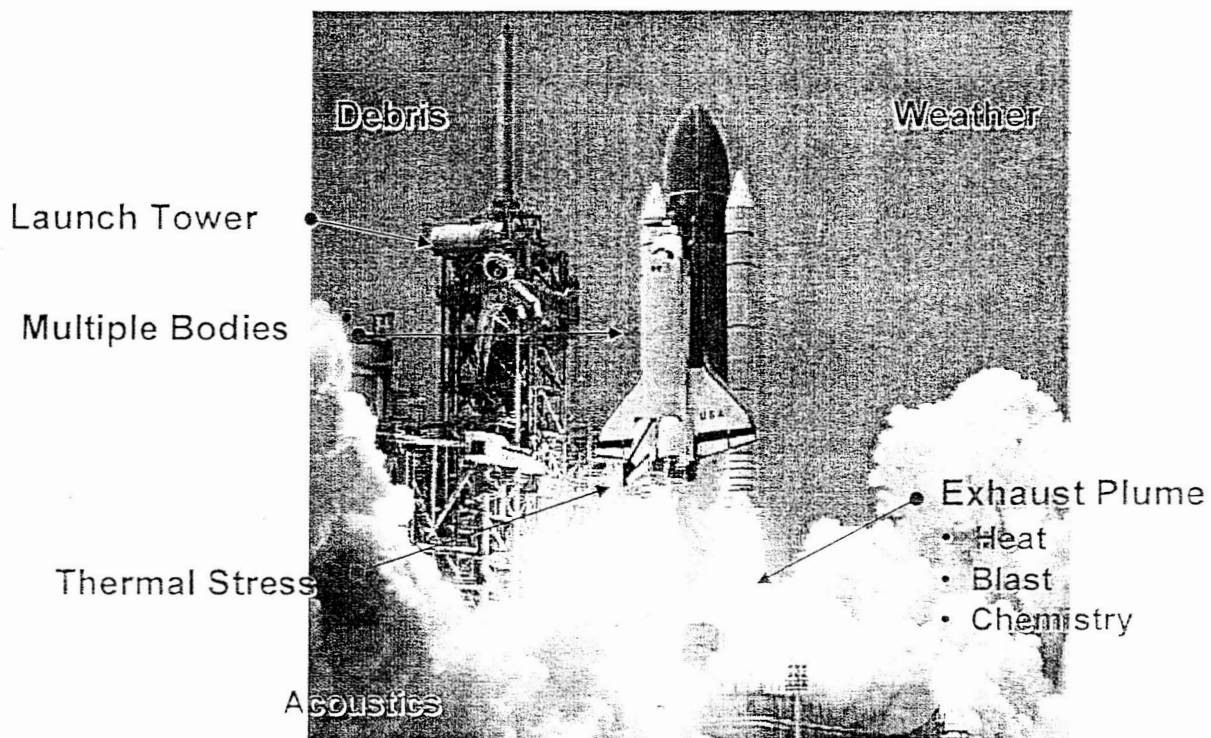
To provide automated high-fidelity simulation capability for vehicle in launch/ascent environment.

### Objectives:

- Mission design & analysis
- Plan & evaluate readiness to launch
- Trajectory optimization
- Risk and safety evaluation
- Failure/abort recovery analysis
- Rapid response to critical events

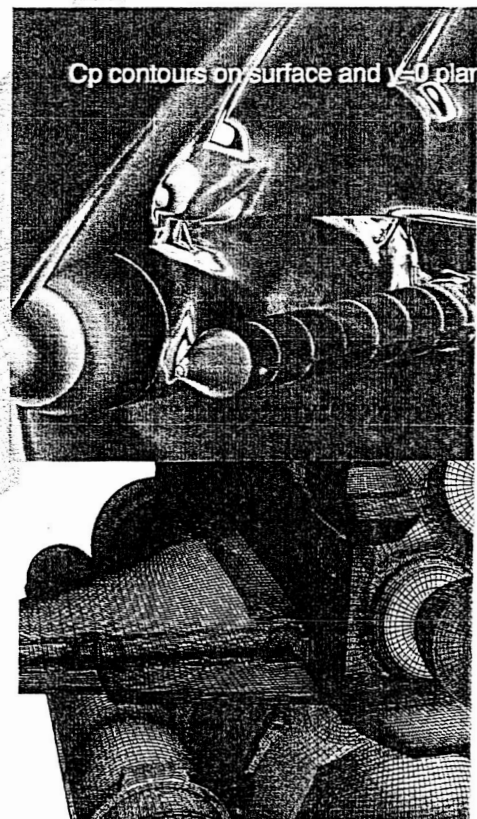


## High-Fidelity Launch/Ascent Simulation Features



## Example of Overset Grid System and Solution

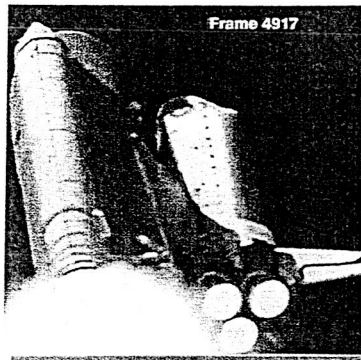
- Rapidly generate grid systems for different control-surface deflections, and different combinations of components
  - 1 hour to change control-surface deflections
- Overset grid generation utilizes Chimera Grid Tools and Pegasus5 software
- Rapid turn around
  - 24 hours of wallclock time
  - 32 SGI Altix CPUs (Itanium-2 CPUs)



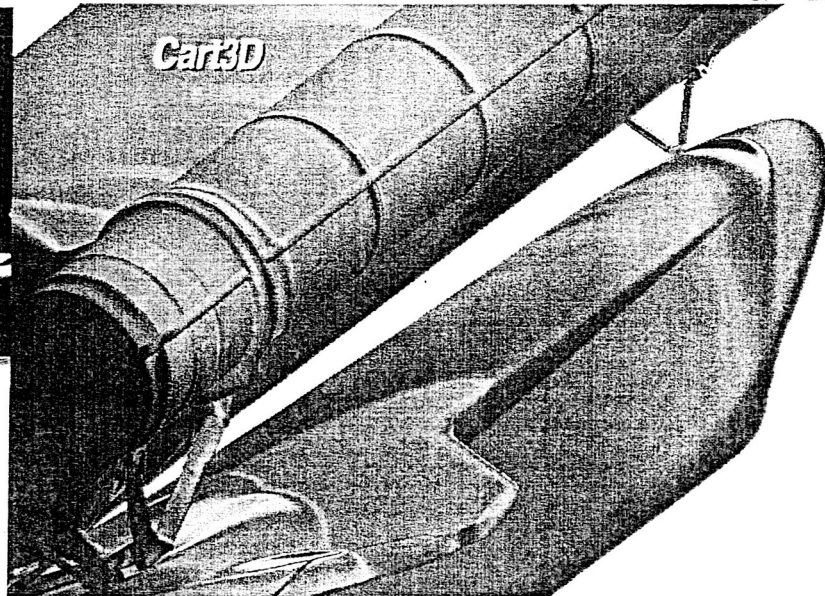


## Example of Current Moving Body Capability

- Multiple-exposure of moving-body simulation of debris event
- Dozens of other examples in literature



4 million grid points  
16 hours on 64 SGI  
Origin(600MHz) CPU's



$$M_{\infty} = 2.46$$

$$\alpha = 2.08^{\circ}$$

Isobars  
multiple exposure

## High-Fidelity Launch/Ascent Simulation - "Digital Launch"

### Modeling and Simulation Challenges

- Complexity
- 6-DOF multiple-body flight
- Debris impact scenarios
- Integrate vibration data and fuel exhaust data from propulsion simulation
- Integrate acoustic environment and fuel accumulation from engine exhaust
- Thermal stress analysis on structure

### Computation

- Simulation until vehicle has passed tower (e.g. 3 sec.)
- Time step determined by exhaust blast waves
- Length scale assumed 1 foot
- Time accurate Euler simulation for most of ascent
- 100 million grid points
- Current Solution Time: less than one day on 12TF Platform
- Real Design & Engineering Model for Ascent/Abort Scenario:
  - Weather
  - Viscous effects
  - Exhaust Chemistry
  - Acoustics environment (ignition overpressure)

### HEC Requirement for High-Fidelity Design

- 1 day & 60-120 TF Platform

# Liquid Rocket Subsystem Simulation

## Goal:

To provide a high-fidelity computational framework for design and analysis of the fuel/oxidizer supply subsystem for liquid rocket propulsion systems.

## Objective:

- Decrease design cost
- Improve performance and reliability

Critical path for:

- Retrofitting (i.e. determining fuel-line crack issue for Space Shuttle Program)
- Investigating new designs for future engines.

EXAMPLE OF A ROCKET ENGINE PUMP



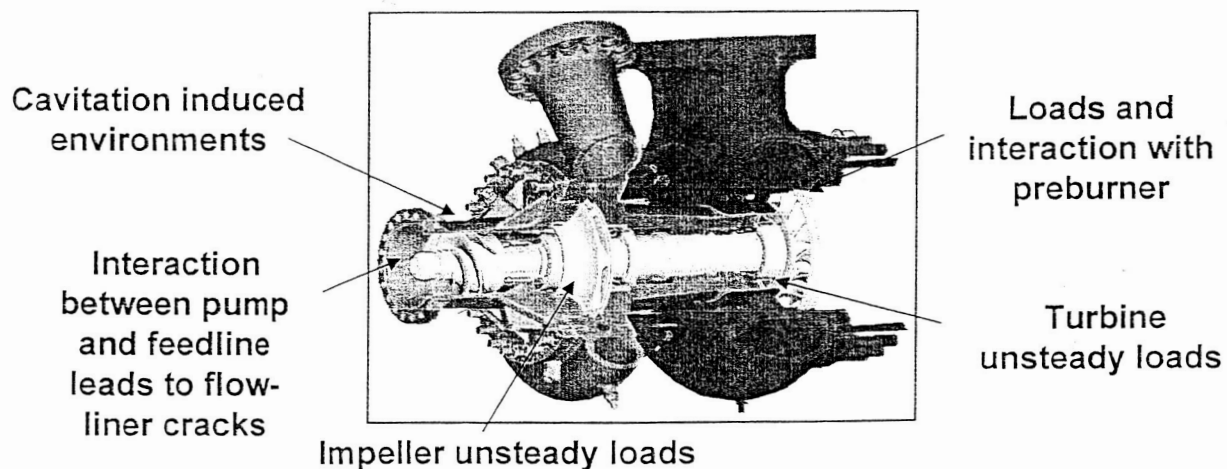
UNSTEADY AND  
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FLOW IN  
LH2/LOX  
FEEDLINE



High Pressure Fuel  
Turbopump

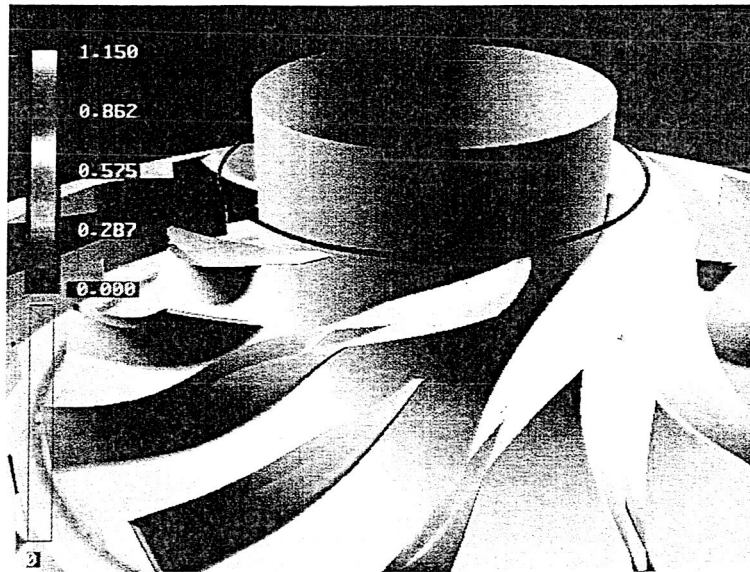
## Turbopump Design Problems

Can lead to cost growth, engine failure or vehicle loss



Liquid Rocket Fuel System Cause of Most Failures

## Wide-Range Flow Impeller-Diffuser



Code INS3D

34.3 Million Grid Points, 114 Zones

One Rotation takes 3.5 days on 128 SGI Origin (600 MHz) CPU's [.015 TF]

Source: Kiris, et. al., NASA ARC

## Liquid Rocket Subsystem Simulation

### Modeling and Simulation Challenges:

- Complex geometry: CAD-to-solution scripting capability.
- Boundary layer transition and separation
- Transient flow phenomena.
- Tip Vortices
- Cavitation
- Parallel, scalable computational procedure.
- Systems analysis capability for trade study in designing components
- Accurate prediction of flow-induced vibration

### Computation

- Simplified Model
  - upstream and downstream manifolds/ducting, and coupled shroud and hub cavities, ignores cavitation,
  - 150 million grid points
  - 10 revolutions
  - Extrapolate INS3D
  - Requires four days on 12 TF Platform

### HEC Requirement for High-Fidelity Design

- Fuel system with piping and four turbopumps
- 2 day solution & 240-600 TF Platform

# Human Modeling and Simulation

## Potential Applications

### Biomedical Research:

- To interpret large quantities of data, guide experiments
- Drug-design, development and testing

### Medical Practice:

- Diagnosis- Identify irregularities
- Treatment- Plan treatment procedures
- Monitoring- during space flight

### Education and training:

- Cell-level computation, organ modeling, gross anatomy etc. for K-12 to practitioners

Modeling human factors, disease control etc...

## There are many players

- NIH and their Affiliates
- DoD
- NASA - Bioastronautics (Digital Astronaut is an element in this)
- Universities - Bioengineering Centers and Medical Schools
- Industry

## Digital Astronaut

### Goal:

To provide high-fidelity simulation for predicting human performance in space flight and develop countermeasures

### Objectives:

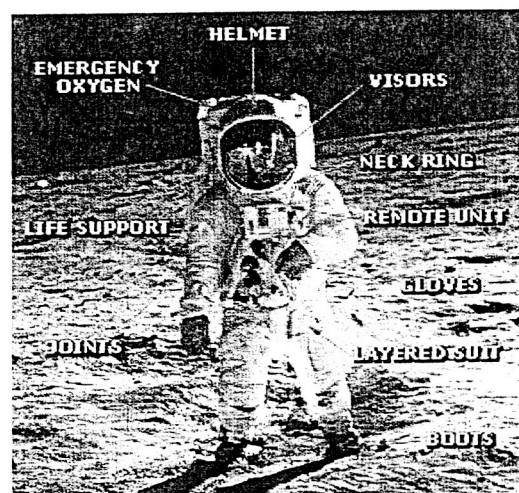
- Assess impact of altered gravity on crew during mission and post-mission recovery
- Guide counter measure development

### Approach:

- Develop integrated DA system
  - Circulatory dynamics-based performance model

This work is being performed in collaboration with other biomedical research organizations

### INTEGRATED IMPACT ON ASTRONAUT'S PERFORMANCE



RADIATION  
SHIELDS

MICROGRAVITY  
CIRCULATORY  
SYSTEM

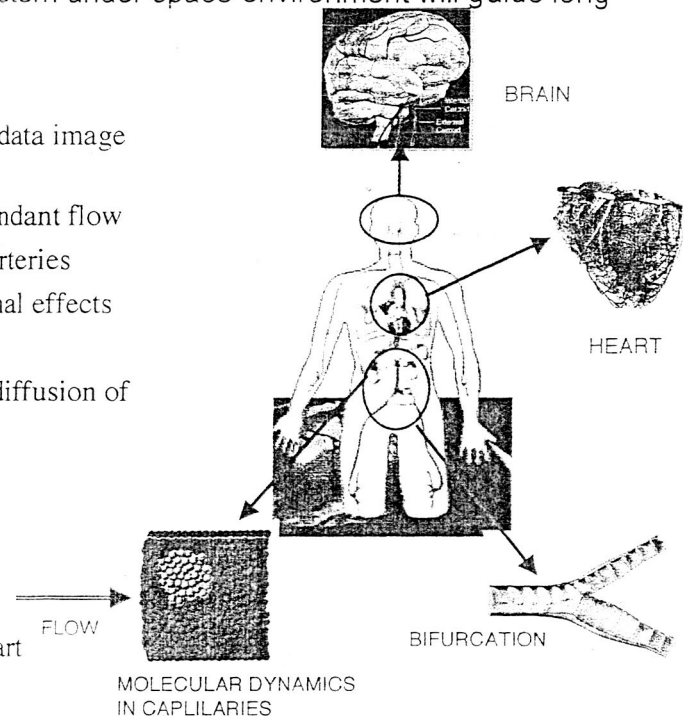


## Circulatory System Simulation for Human Space Flights

**Scenario:** Blood circulation will have major impacts on crew during and post mission. Simulation of entire human circulatory system under space environment will guide long duration human space flights.

### Modeling and Simulation Challenges:

- Digitize anatomical data - Mapping MRA data image processing
- Computational hemodynamics - time dependant flow
- Blood flow simulation in large and small arteries
  - Non-Newtonian modeling and gravitational effects
- Biologically complex (cell chemistry)
- Structural computation of vessel wall and diffusion of molecules through the wall
- Auto-regulation and control model
  - Boundary conditions for truncated model
- Difficult to validate, but possible
- Multi-disciplinary team
  - Collaborators often geographically far apart



### Circulation-Based Performance Model

- Arterial sizes and numbers

Vessel	Radius (cm)	Number	Area (cm <sup>2</sup> )	Wall Thickness (cm)
Aorta	1.25	1	4.5	0.2
Arteries	0.2	159	20	0.1
Arterioles	$1.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.7 \times 10^7$	400	$2 \times 10^{-3}$
Capillaries	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.6 \times 10^{10}$	4500	$1 \times 10^{-4}$
Venules	$1 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \times 10^9$	4000	$2 \times 10^{-4}$
Veins	0.25	200	40	0.05
Vena cava	1.5	1	18	0.15

- Modeling the network is necessary
- High-fidelity model for selected area - Brain

# Why brain/blood flow first?

## Biomedical Study

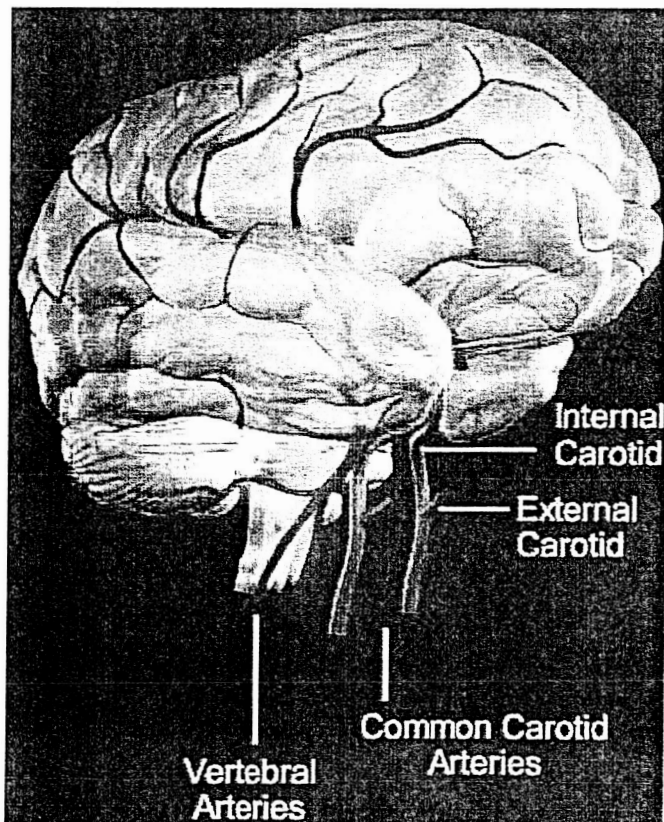
- Stroke is the third largest cause of death
- Stroke is the leading cause of long term disability
- Incidence of stroke is projected to triple in the next 30 years

## Bioastronautics / Digital Astronaut

- High G manoeuvres induce significant blood flow variations with ischaemic consequences.
  - Black-out:  
+8G causes unconsciousness
  - Red-out:  
-3G makes retina engorged with blood

Optimal blood supply to the brain is crucial for astronauts performance

## Brain Schematic



- CCA (Common Carotid Arteries)
  - ECA (External Carotid Arteries) :  
Supply blood to face and scalp area
  - ICA (Internal Carotid Arteries):  
Supply blood to the front 3/5 of the cerebrum
- Vertebrobasilar Artery
  - Supply back 2/5 of the cerebrum, part of the cerebellum, and the brain stem

## Cerebro-vascular Geometry

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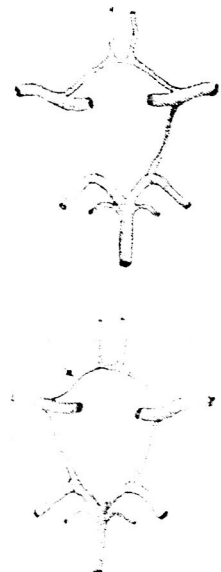
### *The Circle of Willis (CoW)*

- Located at the Base of the Brain, beneath the hypothalamus
- Responsible for collateral distributing blood to the major regions of the brain.

## The Anatomical Dilemma

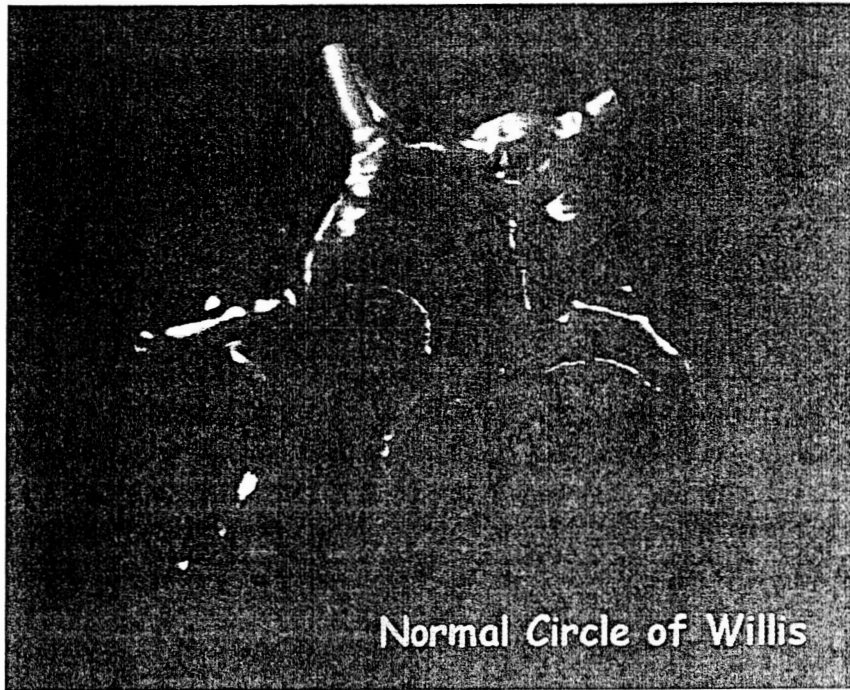
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- Approximately 50% of the population has a complete CoW
- Variation in the communicating arteries is common.
- Combined with the effects of hydrostatic pressure variation can cause cerebral dysfunction



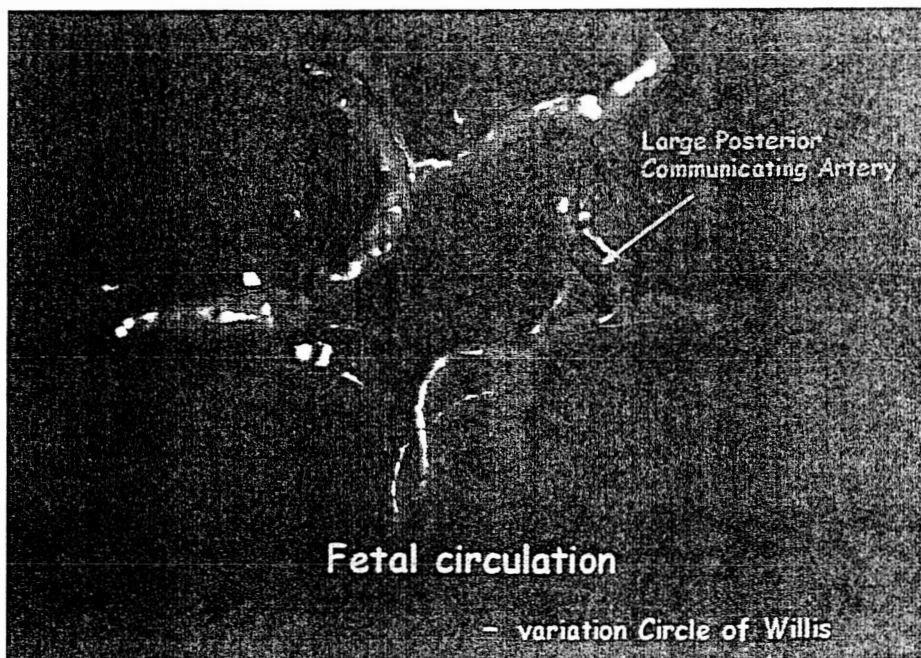
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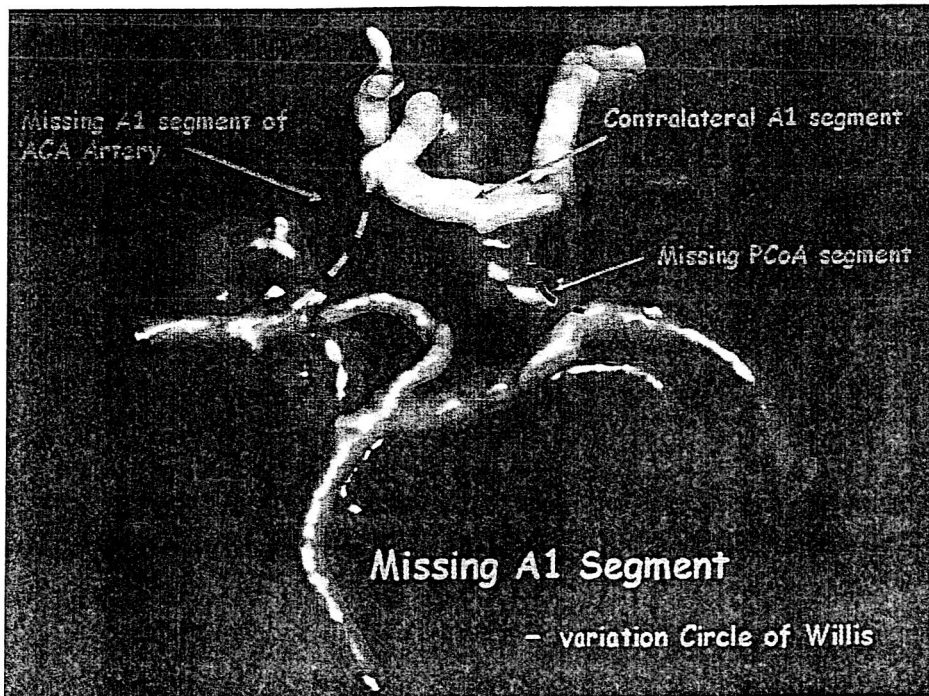
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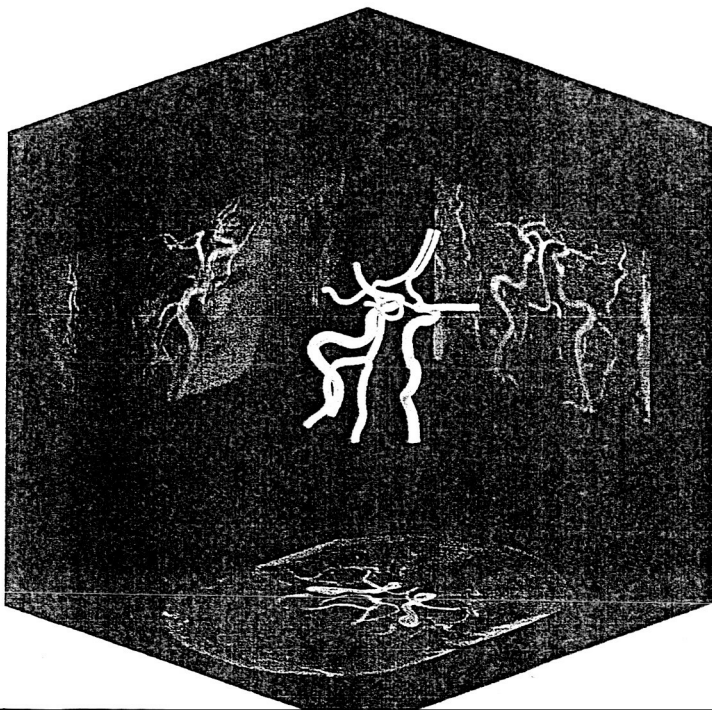
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## Simple geometric definition

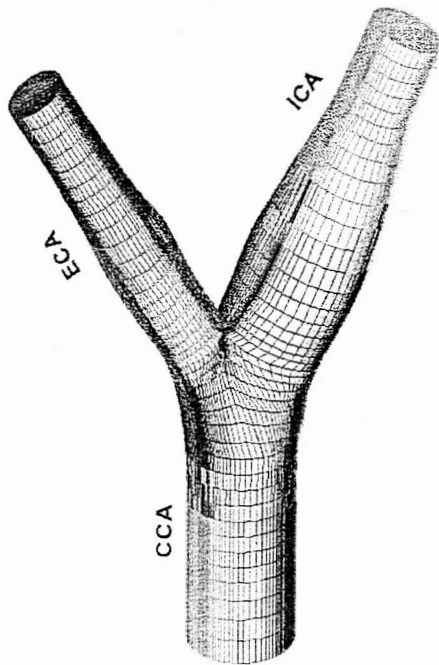
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MRA  
(superposition over 3 planes)

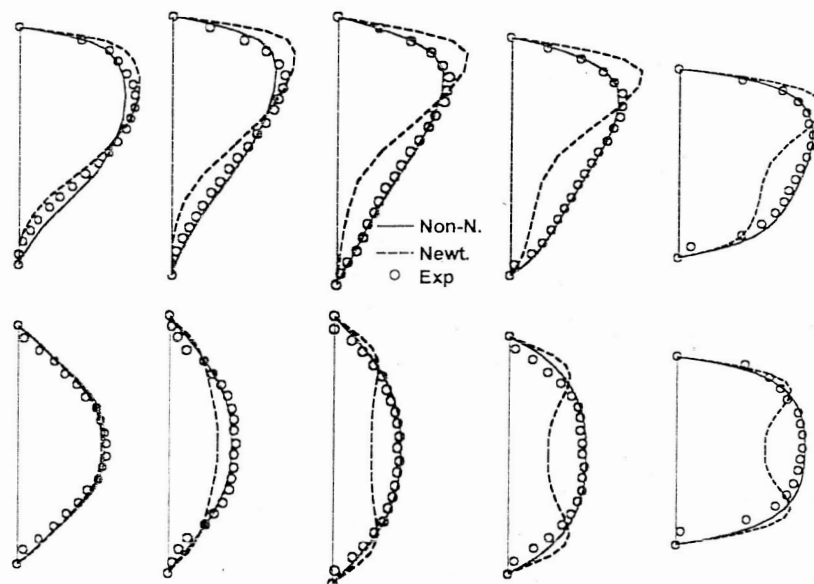


## Code Validation: Carotid bifurcation

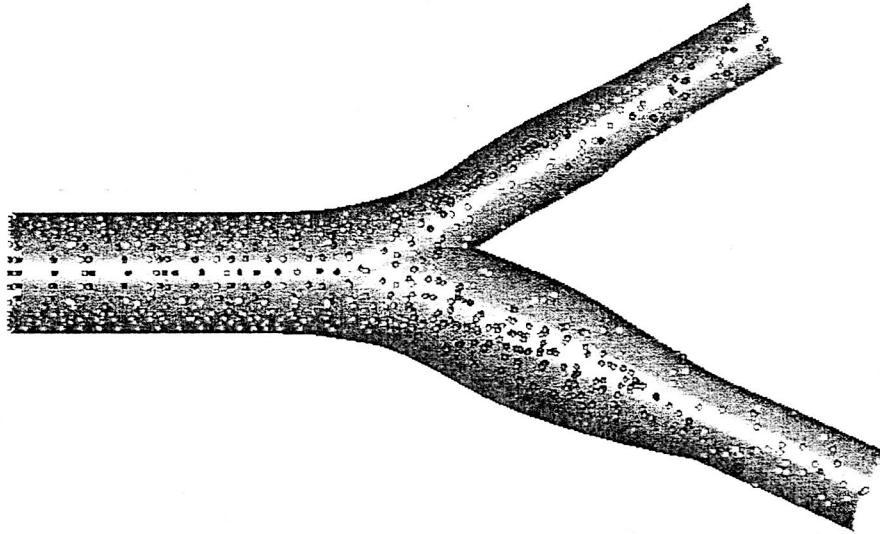


- CCA Diameter,  $2r = 8$  mm
- Flow ratio,  $Q_e/Q_c = 0.45$
- Mean velocity,  $U = 7$  cm/s
- KSCN Density,  $\rho = 1410$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>
- KSCN Viscosity,  $\nu = 2.9$  cPoise = 0.0029 Pa s
- Reynolds number,  $Re = 270.0$ 
  - (Exp data from Gijsen, et al. 1999a)
- Chimera overset grid w/ 8 blocks
- Grid size:  $41 \times 21 \times 25 = 21,525$

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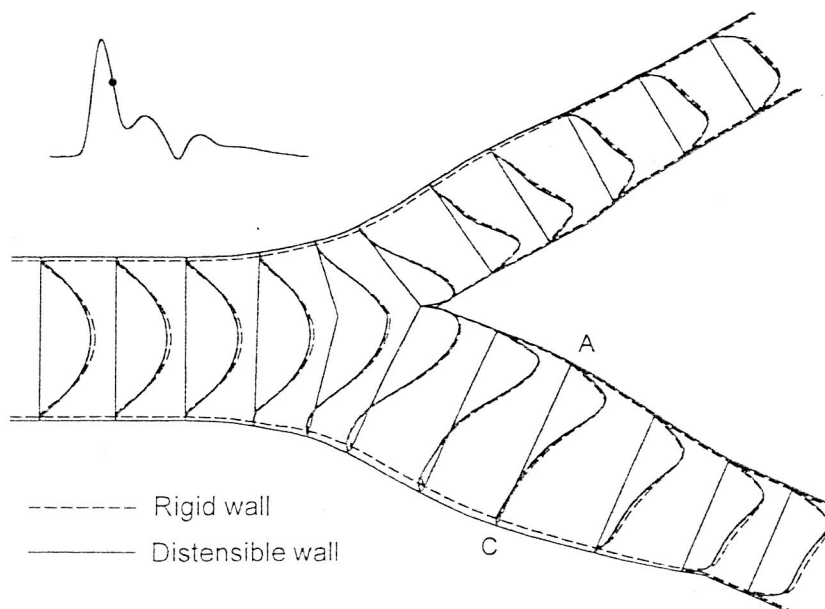


Axial velocity profiles in the internal carotid ( $Re=270$ )



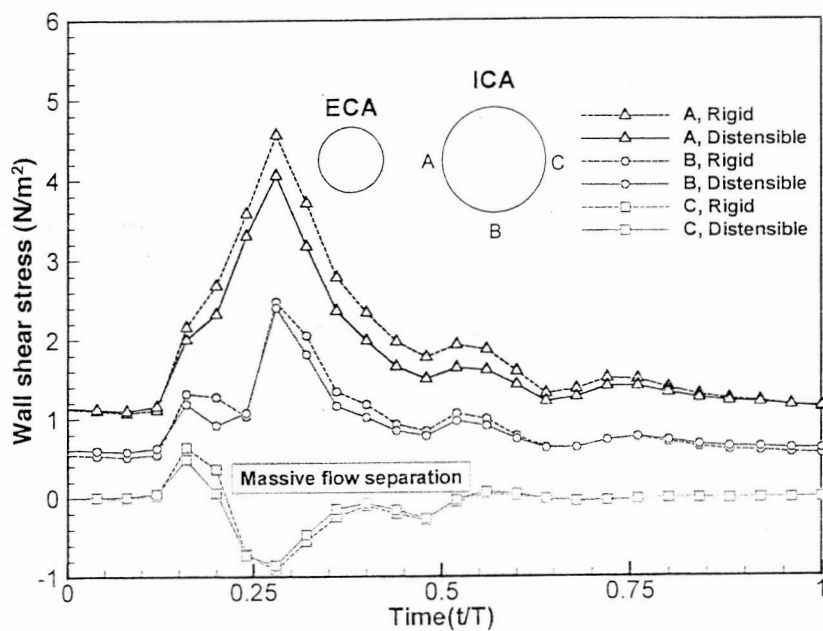
*Particle tracing through a carotid arterial bifurcation ( $Re=388$ )*

### Effects of Wall Distensibility



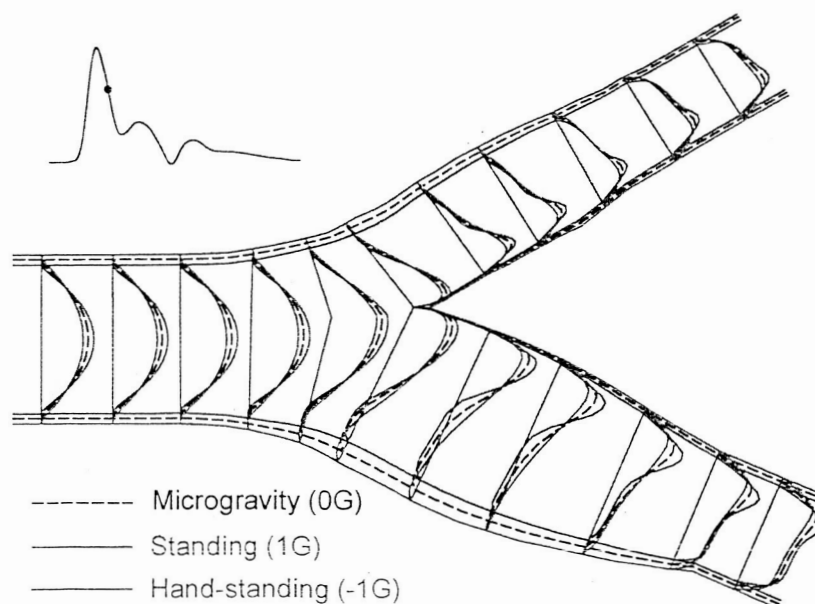
Axial velocity profiles at systolic deceleration ( $Re=388$ )

## Effects of Wall Distensibility



Temporal wall shear stress during a heart pulse ( $Re=388$ )

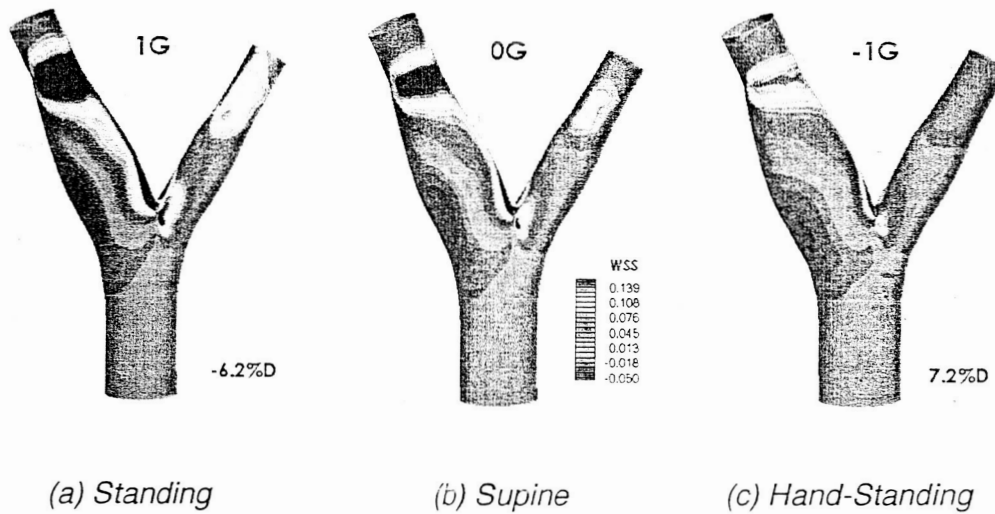
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Axial velocity profiles due to gravitational variation ( $Re=388$ )



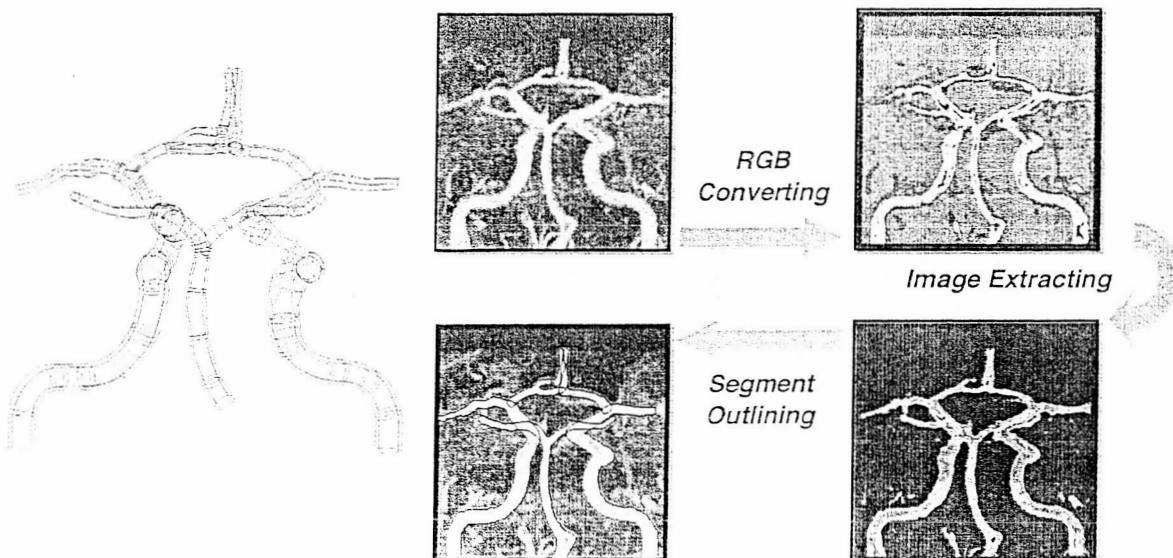
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Wall shear stress distribution due to gravity variation

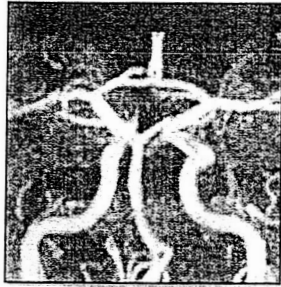
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Image segmentation from MR Angiography : 3D Reconstruction

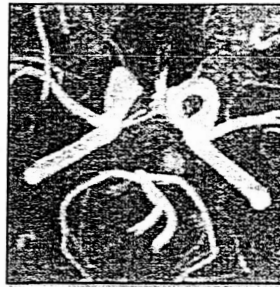


## Geometry Definition

Magnetic Resonance Images (MRI) of human  
Source: Professor Tim David, University of Canterbury, New Zealand



Coronal (Rear)

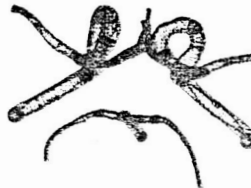
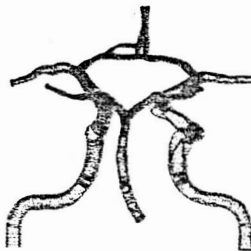


Transverse (Top)

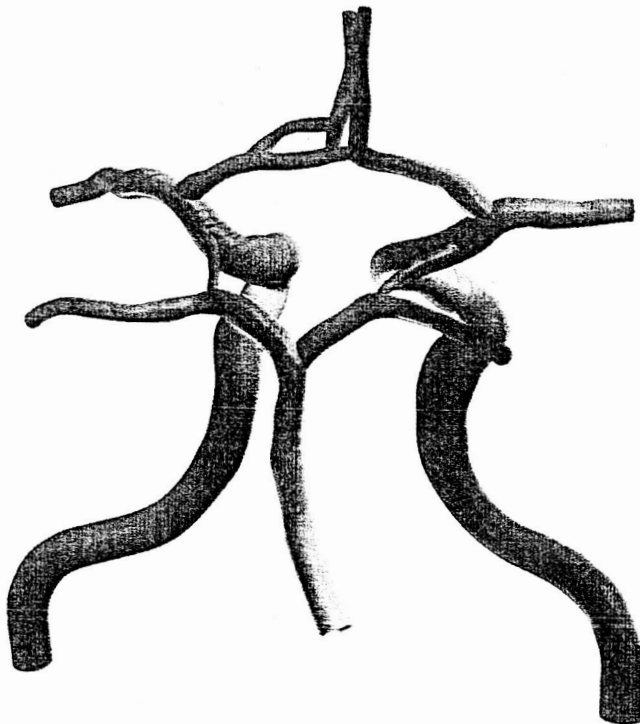


Sagittal (Side)

Grid generated by digitized xyz data of the MRI above



## Circle of Willis Simulation: Instantaneous Pressure

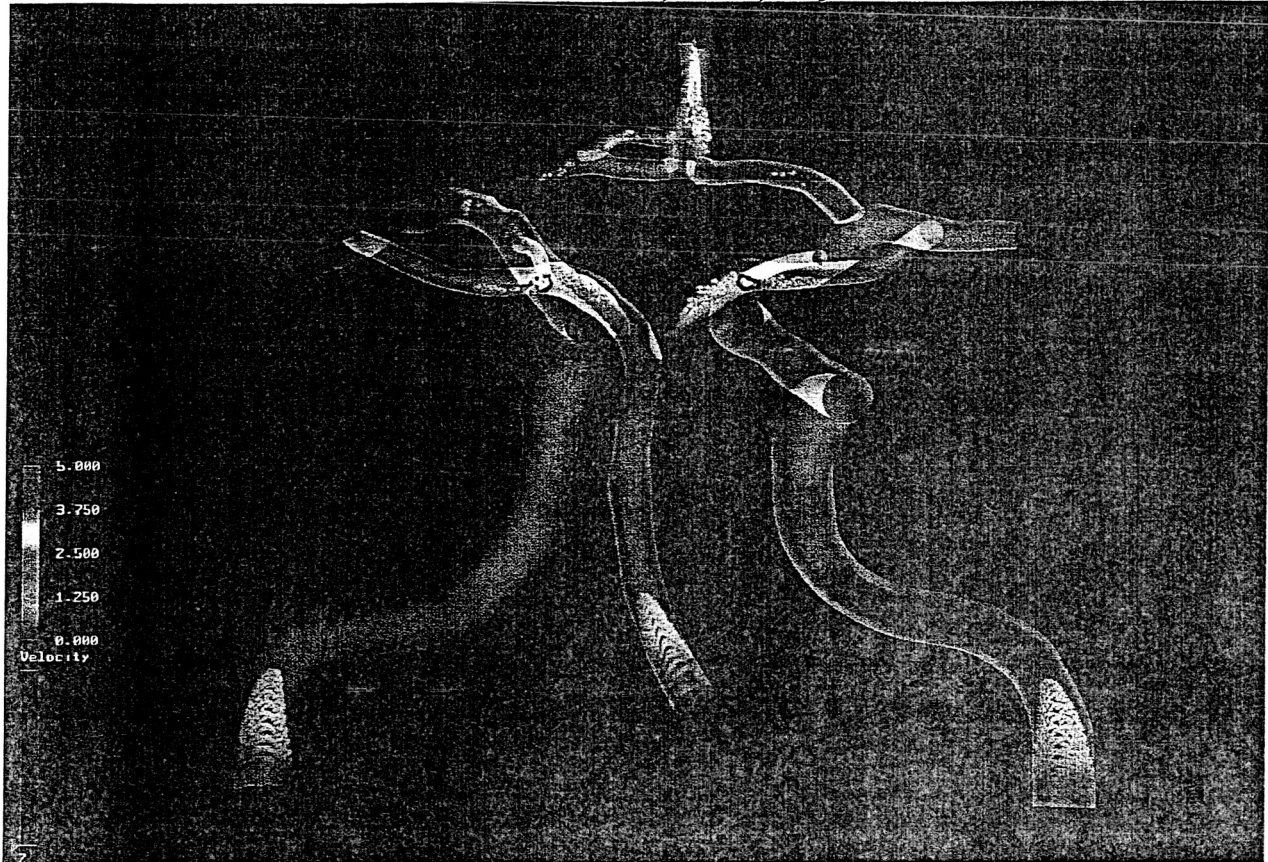


- Flow conditions:
- Left ICA diameter,  $2r = 5.6 \text{ mm}$
- Mean velocity,  $U = 14 \text{ cm/s}$
- Blood density,  $\rho = 1054 \text{ kg/m}^3$
- Blood viscosity,  $\nu = 3.5 \text{ cPoise} = 0.0035 \text{ Pa s}$
- Reynolds number,  $Re = 240.0$

Code: INS3D  
2 Million Grid Points  
1 day to complete on 128 p.  
SGI Origin 3000 (600Hz)

## Circle of Willis Simulation

Particles colored by velocity magnitude



## Biomedical Challenges

- How can we derive models which “replicate” human geometry and provide viable (i.e. believable to a physiologist) data in a reasonable timescale ?
- Investigate the coupling of complex cellular reaction mechanisms with mass transfer models and complex fluid dynamics (remember the geometry !)
- How to include hundreds of cell mechanisms that function in a healthy state (i.e.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )
- Fluid-structure interaction needs to be included
  - \*Venous and lymph valves
  - \*Artificial Heart Valves
    - 250,000 replacements in the US per year
    - Mechanical –anticoagulant therapy
    - Flexible – no drugs needed but NOT DURABLE

## Some more math

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- Try this arithmetic exercise:

How many times does your heart beat every year ?

37,000,000 (100,800 more in a leap year!)

And every decade ?

370,000,000 (obviously !)

In your life (Let's say 80 years ! ) ?

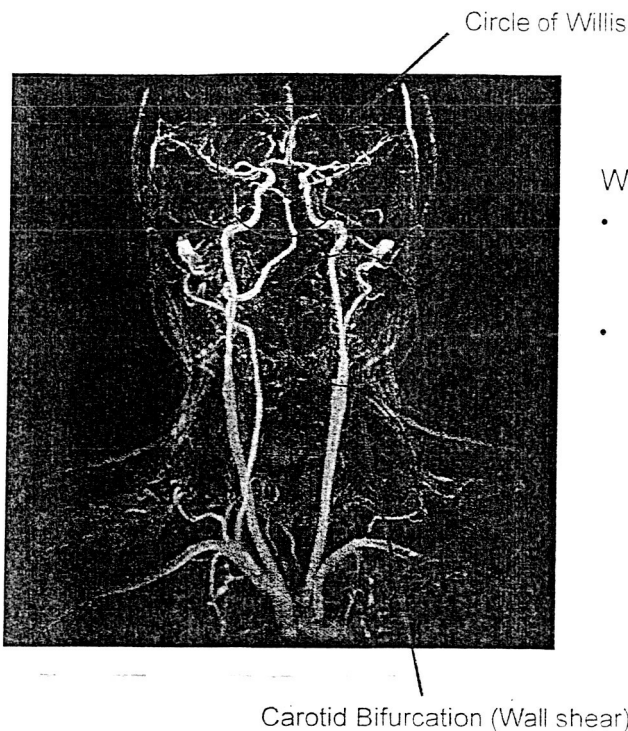
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## More Challenges

- What are the fundamental parameters governing the proper, long-term functioning of heart valves, and how do we test for durability ?
- If we do accelerated testing are the dynamics different ?
- Does the valve operate differently in micro-gravity ?

## Heart-Brain Circulation Dynamics



Why Heart-Brain circulation model first

- Further development of complex physiological models of auto-regulation in micro gravity, *heart-to-head*
- Pathways of large interacting particles, embolic stroke

## High-Fidelity Biomedical Computing

### Flows in Atherosclerotic Stenotic Vessels

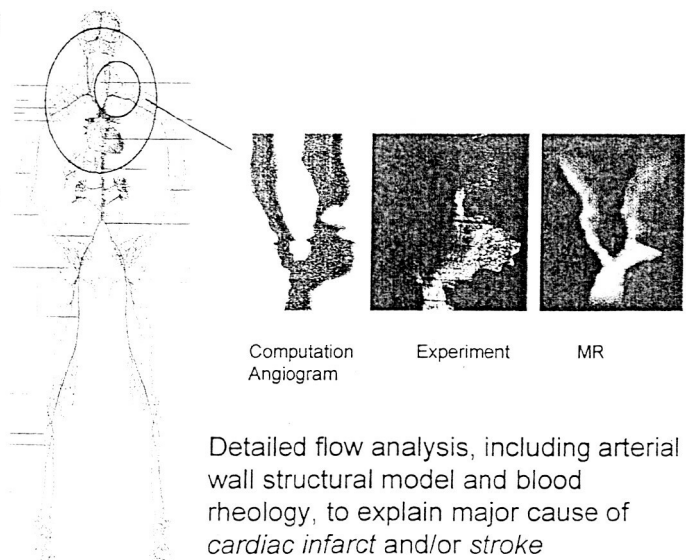
- Atherosclerosis causes gradual narrowing of arteries due to plaque growth

- Sufficient narrowing, or plaque rupture can lead to flow blockage and resulting tissue ischemia, leading in heart to *cardiac infarct*, in brain to *stroke*.

- Flow blockage and mechanical loading are important, for example, to determine tissue ischemia

- Local flow is neither fully turbulent nor laminar (*chaotic, disturbed transitional* etc.....)

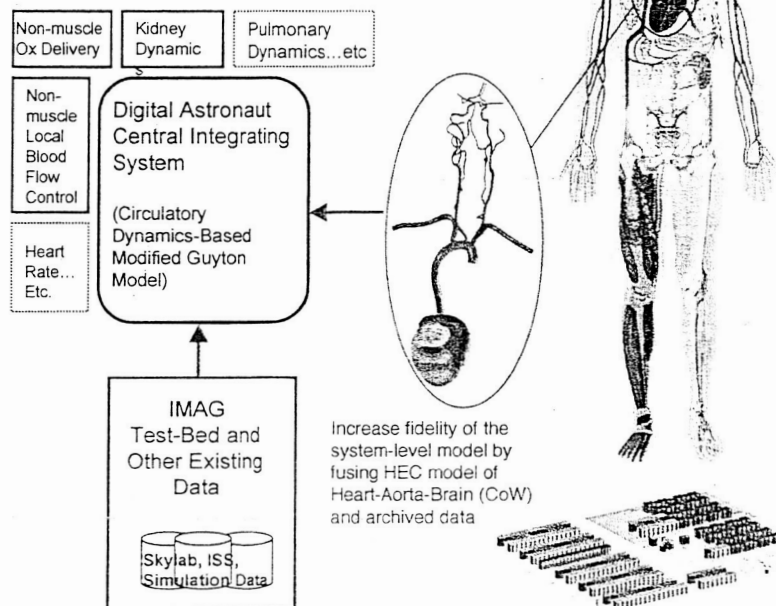
⇒ HEC will shed light on this local phenomena thru fine resolution computation (LES/DNS equivalent)



## Integrated Digital Astronaut System

### Digital Astronaut Performance Prediction

- To predict astronaut performance during short- and longer-duration space flight



### Image-Guided Monitoring

-High fidelity simulations of crew anatomy and physiology to monitor flight risks and to provide countermeasures to mitigate

- Effects of Radiation
- Effects due to gravitational and environmental factors



Liver and Intestine for drug/nutrient absorption evaluation



Kidney for monitoring renal function and fluid processing capabilities



3D reconstruction of ascending vasculature from the aortic arch to the Circle of Willis for hemodynamic modeling

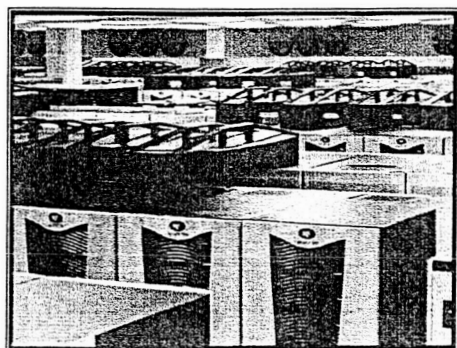
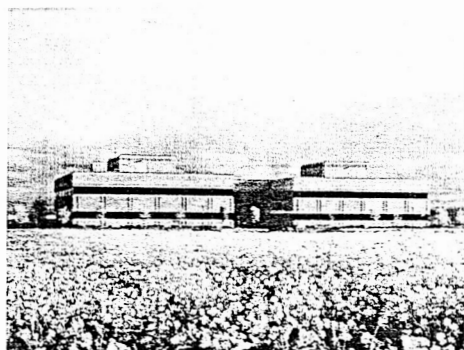


4D reconstruction of the heart for simulating changes to cardiac activity

"Columbia" Supercomputer, Storage, & Networks enables high-fidelity Digital Astronaut System



## "Columbia": World Class Supercomputing

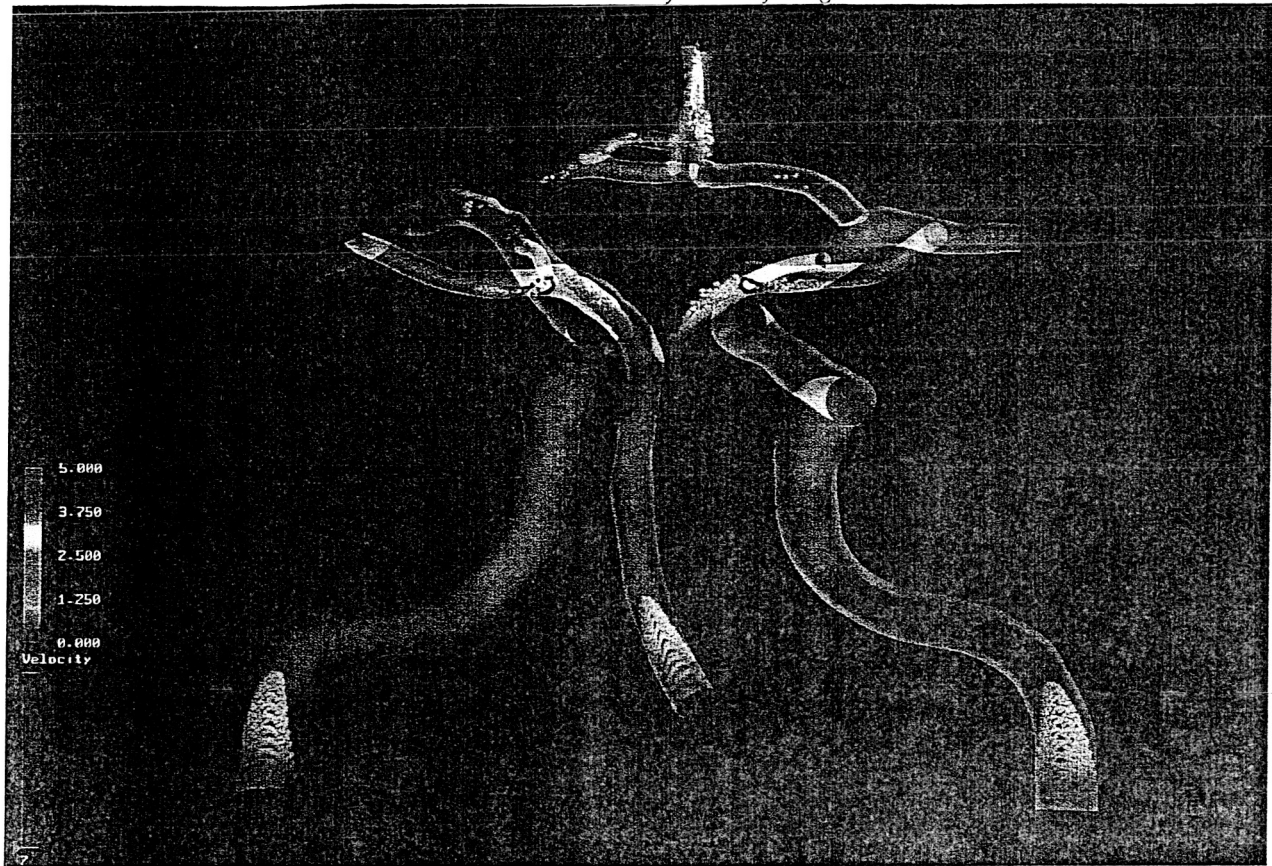


- The NAS houses the world's fastest operational supercomputer providing 61TF of compute capability to the NASA user community
- Columbia is a 20-node supercomputer built on proven 512-processor nodes
- Columbia is the largest SGI system in the world with over 10,000 Intel Itanium2 processors
- Columbia provides the largest node size incorporating commodity parts (512) and the largest shared memory environment (2048)



## Circle of Willis Simulation

Particles colored by velocity magnitude



## Biomedical Challenges

- How can we derive models which “replicate” human geometry and provide viable (i.e. believable to a physiologist) data in a reasonable timescale ?
- Investigate the coupling of complex cellular reaction mechanisms with mass transfer models and complex fluid dynamics (remember the geometry !)
- How to include hundreds of cell mechanisms that function in a healthy state (i.e.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )
- Fluid-structure interaction needs to be included
  - \*Venous and lymph valves
  - \*Artificial Heart Valves
    - 250,000 replacements in the US per year
    - Mechanical –anticoagulant therapy
    - Flexible – no drugs needed but NOT DURABLE

## Some more math

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- Try this arithmetic exercise:

How many times does your heart beat every year ?

37,000,000 (100,800 more in a leap year!)

And every decade ?

370,000,000 (obviously !)

In your life (Let's say 80 years ! ) ?

30,000,000,000

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## More Challenges

- What are the fundamental parameters governing the proper, long-term functioning of heart valves, and how do we test for durability ?
- If we do accelerated testing are the dynamics different ?
- Does the valve operate differently in micro-gravity ?



# Summary

- **High Fidelity Modeling and Simulation**
  - More accurate : enhanced via more physics based simulation
  - Enabling : some mission characteristics not understood otherwise
  - Affordable and becoming more cost effective  
e.g. "Columbia" offers a quantum leap in HEC resources at NASA
- **Resources and time**
  - Will help sustain future mission  
(ground and flight testing are expensive and time consuming)
- **Use of best simulation tools can**
  - Increase reliability and reduce mission risk